



Indiana Firefighter Training System

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To: Firefighter Instructors
From: Indiana Firefighter Training System
Re: Firefighter's certification training plan

The following information is a layout for the Firefighter Mandatory, Firefighter I Bridge, Basic, and Firefighter II Courses.

The Instructor's guides for these courses are from the IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, 5th Edition Instructor's Guide. No additional requirements have been added to the mandatory curriculum.

The practical skill sheets come directly from the IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, 5th Edition manual.

The Mandatory Practical Skill Evaluator's check sheet has been updated to match the IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, 5th Edition material.

Each student should receive a copy of this information as an example of a training path for them to use in their personal professional development as a firefighter.

Mandatory Training Curriculum

Mandatory level training course or certified as a Firefighter I or higher must be completed by all firefighters who desire to respond to emergencies.

The following outline details the chapters from the IFSTA 5th Edition Essentials of Firefighting manual that should be part of the mandatory curriculum.

IFSTA Essential Chapters

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| Orientation & NIMS | Chapter 1 |
| Personal Safety & Apparatus Familiarization | Chapter 2 |
| Fire Behavior | Chapter 3 (optional) |
| Fire Behavior chapter is optional but is recommended to be included in the Mandatory Course. The Fire Chief shall decide if the chapter is included in the training curriculum. | |
| PPE & SCBA | Chapter 5 |
| Rescue and Extrication | Chapter 8 (includes FF I & FF II sections) |
| Hose Loads | Chapter 13 |
| Fire Streams | Chapter 14 |
| Forcible Entry | Chapter 9 |
| Ladders | Chapter 10 |
| Ventilation | Chapter 11 |
| Basic Pre-hospital EMS for Firefighters | Chapter 21 |
| Driver Safety Training | PowerPoint, Handouts and VFIS videos |
| SIDS Training | Handouts and PowerPoint included on disk |
| Autism Training | Handout on disk, course online through LMS |

After a student completes the training course the student shall complete and pass a practical skills examination.

After a student completes the practical skill examination the student passes the written examination.

After a practical skill examination and a written test is taken the student may apply for state certification exam.

NOTE: Not all practical skills in each chapter as outlined above are required to be completed in the Mandatory course. The practical skills not completed in the Mandatory course shall be completed as part of the Firefighter I Bridge course.

Basic Firefighter Training

Basic Firefighter training must be completed by all firefighters before completing Firefighter I certification.

Training in Hazardous Materials Awareness (Student has option of completing state certification exam)

Training in Hazardous Material Operations (Student has option of completing state certification exams)

Training in records needed in the following:

In the fire service, including the following:

- A. Hose tests
- B. Ladder tests
- C. Equipment maintenance
- D. Such others as are used in the authority having jurisdiction.

Indiana laws affecting the following:

- A. Fire service inspections
- B. Investigations
- C. Fire suppression
- D. Driving
- E. Such others as are in effect in the authority having jurisdiction.

State laws, policies, and procedures

Apply for Basic Certification

Basic certification and Mandatory certification may be applied for at same time on the same application.

A record of mandatory and basic certification training being completed must be on file at the fire department.

Firefighter I Bridge training curriculum

Firefighter I Bridge course must be completed within 18 months of Mandatory certification.

| | IFSTA Essential Chapters |
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| Fire Behavior | Chapter 3 * |
| Building Construction | Chapter 4** |
| Portable Fire Extinguishers | Chapter 6 |
| Ropes and Knots | Chapter 7 |
| Water Supply | Chapter 12** |
| Fire Control | Chapter 15** |
| Fire Detection, Alarms | Chapter 16 ** |
| Loss Control | Chapter 17 ** |
| Protecting Fire Evidence | Chapter 18 ** |
| Fire Department Communication | Chapter 19 ** |

After a student completes the training course the student shall complete and pass a practical skills examination.

After a student completes the practical skill examination the student passes the written examination for Firefighter I.

After a practical skill examination and a written test is taken the student may apply for state certification exam.

Firefighter II Training Curriculum

| IFSTA Essential Chapters | |
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| Building Construction | Chapter 4** |
| Rescue and Extrication | Chapter 8 |
| Water Supply | Chapter 12** |
| Fire Hose | Chapter 13 |
| Fire Streams | Chapter 14 |
| Fire Control | Chapter 15** |
| Fire Detection and Alarms | Chapter 16** |
| Protecting Fire Evidence | Chapter 18** |
| Fire Department Communications | Chapter 19** |
| Fire Prevention & Public Education | Chapter 20 |

After a student completes the training course the student shall complete and pass a practical skills examination.

After a student completes the practical skill examination the student passes the written examination for Firefighter II.

After a practical skill examination and a written test is taken the student may apply for state certification exam.

*If not covered during Mandatory course.

**These chapters contain objectives and skills for Firefighter I and Firefighter II.